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of CHEN Yi, about 1 March CHEN and certain officers on his staff expressed apprehension over the chances for a successful invasion of Taiwan. CHEN admitted that the morale of his troops was bad and that he believed he would lose his armies in the unsuccessful invasion attempt. CHEN further stated that the Central Political Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party would use this means to get rid of him.

2. About this time CHEN was sounding out the non-Communist leaders in Shanghai on the question of their possible personal support.

3. Because the Communist superiors of CHEN Yi fear that he may go over to the Nationalists,* CHEN's troops on the coast of Chekiang are cut off from the interior by the troops of LIU Po-cheng.

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Comment. In the latter part of February it was rumored in some quarters in Shanghai that CHEN Yi had been jailed.

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